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SUBJECT: EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN

REF: A. STATE 217934

B. GENEVA 5716 (NOTAL)

1. CHAIRMAN OF GATT COUNCIL (KITAHARA) ANNOUNCED DURING NOVEMBER 7 COUNCIL THAT, AS RESULT DISCUSSIONS WITH PARTIES PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED, U. S. PROPOSAL FOR WORKING PARTY ON EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN WOULD BE "LEFT ON AGENDA FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL". THIS WAS RESULT OF EC NOTICE THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STILL UNPREPARED AGREE TO FORMATION OF WP.

2. JUST PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING JAPANESE MISSION INFORMED US KITAHARA HAD BEEN VISITED BY EFTA SECRETARY GENERAL, WHO EXPRESSED HOPE COUNCIL COULD AGREE ON WP. SECGEN REPORTEDLY SAID EFTA COUNTRIES ANXIOUS AVOID DRAGGING NORWAY AND FINLAND AGREEMENTS INTO THIS QUESTION AND PRIVATELY HOPED WP ON R/O COULD BE FORMED QUICKLY. THEY HOPED JAPAN, POSSIBLE OTHERS, COULD SUPPORT U. S. REQUEST WHILE EFTA COUNTRIES THEMSELVES ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION. IF THEY DID SPEAK OUT, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE AGAINST RPT AGAINST WP IN ORDER MAINTAIN UNITY WITHIN EUROPEAN TRADING BLOC. JAPANESE INQUIRED HOW STRONGLY U. S. FELT ABOUT WP IN ORDER JUDGE WHETHER THEY SHOULD RISK ENTERING FIGHT IN SUPPORT. WE ASSURED THEM U. S. WAS SERIOUS IN PURSUING REQUEST.

3. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH SCANS (AS WELL AS EFTA SECGEN) WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER FOR U. S. TO AGREE TO PROMPT WIND-UP OF WPS ON NORWAY AND FINLAND AGREEMENTS (THOUGH PRESUMABLY WITHOUT AGREED CONCLUSIONS) IF WP ON RULES OF ORIGIN HAS BEEN SET UP OR INFORMALLY AGREED. CONVERSELY IF IT HAS NOT BEEN AGREED, NORWAY WP IS LOGICAL TIME AND PLACE FOR US TO FURTHER PURSUE RULES ISSUE. WHILE OBJECTIVE OF SO DING WOULD NOT BE TO HOLD UP WP REPORT, THIS ALMOST INEVITABLY WOULD RESULT. THERE IS CLEARLY SOME SYMPATHY WITH WP IDEA ON THIS AND OTHER GROUNDS AMONG LOCAL SCAN REPS, THOUGH THEY DO NOT THINK THEIR GOVERNEMENTS CAN TAKE POSITION IN COUNCIL CONTRARY TO EC.

4. MISSION SUGGESTS FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH EC IN BRUSSELS ALONG LINES PROPOSED REF (B). DEPENDING ON EC REACTION, APPROACHES IN EFTA CAPITALS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN ADVANCE EC-NORWAY WP MEETING DECEMBER 4. MAY BE USEFUL IF WE CAN GIVE FIRM ASSURANCE OF RAPID ACTION ON NORWAY AGREEMENT (SO FAR AS U. S. IS CONCERNED) IF RULES WP AGREED (THOUGH U.S. OF COURSE WOULD MAINTAIN ITS VIEWS IN WP REPORT).  
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